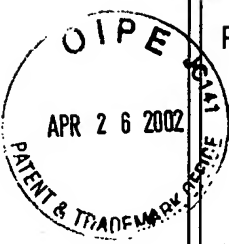


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Dear Sir:

Please amend the present application as follows prior to consideration on the merits.

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended specification paragraph is attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by brackets [ ].

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following paragraph: